

**Remarks**

Claims 1-3 and 11-13 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 stand rejected, Claims 4-10 are withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction requirement. Claims 3 and 13 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this response claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claims 2 and 3, and claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claims 12 and 13, respectively. Applicants respectfully request consideration of Applicants' response herein.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 13. Applicants have rewritten claim 1 to include all the limitations of rejected base claim 1 and dependent claims 2 and 3; and similarly rewritten claim 11 to include all the limitations of rejected claim 11 and dependent claims 12 and 13. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 11 are in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted the application may be passed to issuance.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application. Please charge Applicants' deposit account, 09-0456, for any additional fee the PTO determines is due.

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